

# A Comparison of Local Schools in the Vicinity of Carlisle Barracks

## **Carlisle Area School District (CASD)      [www.carliseschools.org](http://www.carliseschools.org)**

**(Bus service is provided (free of charge) for folks living on Post who attend the CASD.)**

**Schools:** 1 High School (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)      2 Middle Schools (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)      7 Elementary Schools (K – 5<sup>th</sup>)      **(Post transports to 3 elementary schools.) (Letort/Hamilton/Bellaire – Full-Day K)**

**Population:** High School – 1700 students      Middle Schools – 600 students      Elementary – 300 students (Average)

**Grading System:** Elementary (Grades K-2): E – Excellent, S - Satisfactory, N – Needs Improvements  
Secondary (Grades 3-12): 95-100 A    92-94 A-    89-91 B+    86-88 B    83-85 B-    80-82 C+  
77-79 C    74-76 C-    71-73 D+    65-70 D    64 and below F

**Schedule:** Traditional – 183 days – 4 marking periods  
Elementary Schools – 5 day schedule    Middle Schools – 6 day schedule    High School – 5 day schedule  
School usually begins the Monday **BEFORE** Labor Day and ends in early June (depending on the winter weather).

**AP Courses:** 14 Courses  
The requirements for admission to the courses vary from course to course.  
Some courses require Pre-Requisite Courses / Letters of Recommendations / High Grade Point Average.

**Class Rank:** Seniors new to CHS are not given a class ranking. They use their 6<sup>th</sup> semester (end of Junior year) ranking from their previous school when applying for colleges and scholarships. CHS counselors will send a letter, signed by the school principal, which explains to college admission officials that the student has only been at CHS for a short period of time. Information on the student's grade point average and the student's class rank from the previous school attended is also included in the counselor's letter to college officials.

**If the gaining high school or a college admissions official would like an approximate class ranking, please provide the counselor with a written request for such information.**

**Graduation Requirements:** **Pass a total of 24 credits.** (4 English; 3 or 4 Social Studies; 3 or 4 Science; 3 or 4 Math; 2 Arts & Humanities; 1 Physical Education; 0.6 Health & Family Living; 0.2 Safety Education; 0.2 Senior Health; 7 Electives).  
**A total of 10 credits must be earned in the social studies, science, and mathematics area.**  
**All students must complete a Graduation Project.**

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT COURSES/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/SCHEDULING, ETC. MAY BE FOUND ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBPAGE UNDER CARLISLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL AT THE EDUCATIONAL PLANNING GUIDE LINK.**

**Sports:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> After-School Intramural Program    8-10 Co-Ed Sports per school year  
7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Team Only (Schools Combine)    4 Girls Sports & 4 Boys Sports  
9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>    11 Girls Sports & 11 Boys Sports  
**Carlisle High School athletics are part of the Mid-Penn Conference League.**

**Clubs:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>    30-35 Club Choices  
9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>    Over 50 Club Choices

**Music:** Music lessons begin in 4<sup>th</sup> grade for both band instruments and orchestra instruments.  
The Carlisle High School Band is very competitive. Auditions are required to be in marching band and the numbers for marching band are determined in June. **(See CHS Band Camp link)**

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**Schools:** 1 High School (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)      1 Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)      1 Upper Elementary School (4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>)      1 Lower Elementary School (K – 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
(South Middleton School District has all day kindergarten.)

**Population:** High School – 740 students    Middle School – 500 students    Upper Elem. – 320 students    Lower Elem. – 600 students

**Grading:** Kindergarten    N (not yet introduced), D (developing skill), S (satisfactory development)  
Lower Elementary    Grades 1-3: O=Outstanding, S=Satisfactory, N=Needs Improvement.  
Upper Elementary    A 93-100    B 85-92    C 77-84    D 70-76    F below 70  
Middle School    A 93-100    B 85-92    C 77-84    D 70-76    F below 70  
High School    A 93-100    B 85-92    C 77-84    D 70-76    F below 70

**Schedule:** High School - Intensive Block Scheduling (80 minute classes) / Two Semesters / Four Marking Periods  
Middle School – 8 periods – 47minutes each  
All schools run on a 6 day cycle.  
School usually starts the Monday **BEFORE** Labor Day and ends in early June (depending on the winter weather).

**AP Courses:** 4 Courses  
AP English, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Calculus and when there are sufficient numbers - AP Physics.  
Each AP course has both prerequisite courses and prerequisite grade averages.

**Class Rank:** Class rank is based upon a weighted cumulative average. (Only numerically graded courses are used.)  
Final grades from the previous schools are converted to the Boiling Springs High School's grading system.  
The final course average is multiplied by the course value and then multiplied by any weighting factor. The total quality points are divided by the credits attempted, and the weighted averages are then placed in rank order.

**Graduation Requirements:** **Pass a total of 30 units. The units include 23.5 or 24.5 of core courses.**  
(4 units of English, 3.5 units of Math, 4 units of Social Studies, 3 units of Science,  
2 units of same Foreign Language, 2 units of Arts/Humanities. Personal/Academic Computing,  
Physical Education, Health, First Aid/CPR, Safety Education, Parenting/Consumer Education)  
**Students are required to schedule 8 units per year.**  
**Students are required to complete a Graduation Project.**

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**Sports:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>      After-School/Early Evening      6 Boy Sports & 5 Girl Sports  
9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>      8 Boy Sports & 8 Girl Sports

**Clubs:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>      30 Clubs that meet every 6 days  
9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>      8 Clubs that meet every 8 days

**Music:** Music lessons begin in 4<sup>th</sup> grade for band instruments. Orchestra is **NOT** offered in the SMSD.

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**Schools:** 1 High School (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)      2 Middle Schools (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)      7 Elementary Schools (K - 5<sup>th</sup>)

**Population:** High School – 2550 students      Middle Schools – 900 (average)      Elementary – 500 (average)

**Grading:** A 93 – 100 (3.6-4.0)    B 86 – 92 (2.6-3.5)    C 77 – 85 (1.6-2.5)    D 70 – 76 (.8 – 1.5)    F 0 – 69

**Schedule:** High School – Traditional – 9 Period Schedule  
Middle School – Traditional – 9 Period Schedule  
Elementary – 5 day cycle  
School usually starts the Wednesday **BEFORE** Labor Day and ends in early June – depending on the winter weather.

**AP Courses:** 13 Courses

Admission to a course requires a recommendation from the teacher. New students can take any AP courses with the exception of English. If a new student wants to take AP English, the student must meet with the English Department Chair. Parent Over Rides may also be used for all AP courses except English. A Parent Over Ride allows the parent to request to override the recommendation of the teacher. The parent agrees to place the child in the higher class; however, the student must stay in the class regardless of grade or ability.

**Class Rank:** In order for a student to have an official class rank, a student must be in attendance at CV High School for four (4) semesters. Grades from other schools are not converted to the grading scale used at the high school level. After one marking period, a student will have a cumulative grade point average (GPA). The student will not be officially ranked until the end of their fourth semester. An academic letter will be awarded to all Juniors & Seniors who have maintained a 94.0 grade point average in high school.

**Graduation Requirements:** Pass a total of 23 credits.

(4 credits English; 4 credits Social Studies - including US History since Economics, Government, and Environmental Concerns; 3 credits Math; 3 credits Science; 2 credits Arts and Humanities; 2 credits Health/Physical Education H/PE - all four years; and Basic Computer Literacy).

**A student must take 4.5 credit hours his Senior Year.**

**A student must demonstrate proficiency on the PSSA exams.**

**A student must complete a Graduation Project.**

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT COURSES/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/SCHEDULING, ETC. MAY BE FOUND ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBPAGE UNDER CUMBERLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL UNDER THE STUDENT HANDBOOK – SCHOLASTIC LINK.**

<b><u>Sports:</u></b> 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Intramural Sports	1 Girl Sport & 1 Boy Sport (Basketball)
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Sponsored	4 Girl Sports & 4 Boy Sports
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Sponsored	14 Girl Sports & 13 Boy Sports

**Cumberland Valley athletics are part of the Mid – Penn Conference League. CV high school is a “AAAA” League School.**

<b><u>Clubs:</u></b> 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 12 Club Choices	Meet After-School
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Over 50 Club Choices	Meet After-School (Activity Bus Provided)

**Music:** Music lessons for orchestra instruments begin in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Music lessons for band instruments begin in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Band Camp for high school band instrument players begins in August. Auditions are not required. Please contact the Music Director for more information.

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## **Big Spring School District (BSSD)**

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**Schools:** 1 High School (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)      1 Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)      5 Elementary Schools (K-5<sup>th</sup>)

**Population:** High – 1100 students      Middle – 750 students      Elementary – 200 to 500 students  
(Depending on school)

**Grading:** Middle School      A 93-100      B 85-92      C 77-84      D 70-76      F Below a 70  
High School      A 93-100      B 85-92      C 77-84      D 70-76      F Below a 70

**Schedule:** High School – Block Scheduling (80 minute classes)  
Four (4) nine week marking periods.  
Middle School – 6 day cycle  
School usually begins the Monday **BEFORE** Labor Day and ends in early June - depending on the winter weather.

**AP Courses:** 6 Courses  
Each AP course has both prerequisite courses and prerequisite grade averages.

**Class Rank:** Class rank is determined by a weighted GPA calculation. A transfer student's class rank determination involves converting grades on a 4.0 scale to a percentage and applying weighting if it applies.

**Graduation Requirements:** Pass a total of 28 credits. Must complete **ALL** mandated courses.  
(English - 4 credits; Social Studies - 4 credits; Science - 3 credits; Mathematics - 3 credits, including one Algebra based math class; Health & Phys. Educ. - 2 credits, .5 credit each year; Keyboarding & Careers - .5 credit, Career Course - .5 credit; Electives - 11 credits)  
**All students are required to complete a Career Project.**

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT COURSES/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/SCHEDULING, ETC. MAY BE FOUND ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBPAGE UNDER DEPARTMENT PAGES – GUIDANCE - UNDER OVERVIEW OF COURSE SELECTION GUIDELINES.**

**Sports:** 6<sup>th</sup>      Community Based Programs      5 Sports  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>      School Sponsored/Organized      5 Girl Sports & 4 Boy Sports  
9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>      School Sponsored/Organized      9 Girl Sports & 9 Boy Sports

**The Big Spring Aquatics Club sponsors swimming for elementary through junior high aged children - October to March and May to August.**

**Clubs:** Middle School      11-12 Club Choices      During School      1 hour/six day cycle  
High School      10-15 Club Choices      During School      1 hour/week

**Music:** Music lessons begin in 4<sup>th</sup> grade for musical instruments. Orchestra is **NOT** offered at BSSD.  
There is a competitive marching band at the High School level. Auditions are not required; however, numbers are determined in early June. Marching Band Camp is required to participate in marching band.

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